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Darren Lum Staff

Lawsuit costs Highlands East \$42K

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The legal bills have come in and it's not pretty for Highlands East.

Following a freedom of information request filed in the fall of 2013, the *Haliburton Echo* has learned that the municipality of Highlands East paid \$41,724 to cover legal fees from the lawsuit filed by former fire chief Don Middleton.

While some of the insurance credits have been subtracted from the total, the township's solicitor did not return phone calls or emails requesting the exact amount.

The legal fees are on top of the \$107,818 Middleton was awarded in damages by superior court justice James McNamara on Feb. 1, 2013.

Middleton filed a lawsuit in April 2008 claiming the municipality wrongfully dismissed him. The court ruled in Middleton's favour.

The municipality fired him on Feb. 20, 2007 by a final council vote of 3-2.

Defendants in the case were former deputy-reeve Jim Mackie, former councillor Gary Stoughton and Reeve Dave Burton.

On April 9, 2013, McNamara ruled the municipality would be responsible for paying Middleton's legal fees, along with the

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Rising hydro costs put pressure on business

Jenn Watt
Editor

A looming 42 per cent hydro rate increase over the next five years has Chamber of Commerce manager Rosemarie Jung worried for the financial well being of area businesses.

There is very little that small businesses can cut out of their operations to make up

for steadily rising costs, Jung said.

"Our concern is for the small rural business," she said, "Our costs are higher, period. As our small, rural businesses are faced with 30 per cent increase in hydro, where are they going to cut costs?"

In December, the Liberal government announced the increase, which is actually lower than previously projected.

That's not much comfort to local Conservative MPP Laurie Scott, who held a spe-

cial meeting for small businesses in Lindsay in January to discuss hydro rates and other Hydro One issues.

"They're struggling," she said of the businesses that attended the meeting. "The planned increase ... it's the straw that's going to break our backs."

"They're trying their best, but ... 42 per cent will be catastrophic for their business,"

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Stitching for history

The Wilberforce Heritage Guild members Hilda Clark, left, Flo Elliott, Jill Lee and Marilyn Crane put the finishing touches to the guild's annual fundraising raffle quilt on Wednesday, March 5 at the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost. Tickets (limited to 600) are \$2 and will be available at the upcoming Maple Syrup Festival on April 19 at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre. The guild uses the fundraiser to maintain the outpost, started in 1992, which in 2006 was named a National Historic Site recognizing the contributions of women. The guild has raffled off 20 quilts, one every year. Absent for the photo is guild member Joan Noble. Wilberforce resident Christine Hattin donated the pre-printed quilt while Cathy Agnew donated materials. **Darren Lum** Staff

Schmale seeks Conservative candidacy

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Jamie Schmale wants his boss's job.

Schmale, chief of staff for MP Barry Devolin, will toss his hat in the proverbial ring for the Conservative candidacy for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock in the 2015 federal election.

Devolin announced late last year he won't be running again.

This isn't the first time Schmale has set his sights on the House of Commons.

"I ran for the nomination back in 2003," he says. "This job has been something I've wanted to do for a long time."

Devolin won the nomination that year.

"We knew each other, we didn't know each other well," Schmale says. "We respected one another."

Devolin respected Schmale

enough to make him his campaign manager and, after winning the 2004 election, his right-hand employee.

Schmale had been working as news director at Lindsay radio station Y92, formerly CKLY. He spent seven years with the station, working his way from reporter to the head of the newsroom.

Having worked for Devolin for nearly a decade seems bound to come in handy.

"I think that's one of my biggest advantages," Schmale says. "I know the players in the riding. I know the issues. The learning curve will be very small."

Why the Conservative party?

"It follows my beliefs," Schmale says, adding these include keeping taxes low and being tough on crime, as well as the importance of personal freedoms and a free market economy.

His platform will focus on the economy and jobs, including

capitalizing on the Trent-Severn Waterway, which Schmale believes could be a bigger attraction and economic driver in the area.

As for the contentious issue of the Senate, the scandal around which has hit both the Conservative government and the Liberal party, Schmale supports the Supreme Court review on what might be done with the upper chamber without changing the constitution.

"I think that's a prudent step," he says. "I think I'm just as upset as any other Canadian. Clearly, it wasn't perfect to begin with. I'm not against getting rid of the Senate."

A Lindsay resident, Schmale was raised in Bobcaygeon and is 37, soon to be 38.

"My youth is to my advantage," Schmale says. "I have the drive, I have the dedication. I'd like to put my experience over the past 10



Submitted photo

MP Barry Devolin's chief of staff Jamie Schmale announced he will run to become the Conservative candidate for the next federal election.

years to work for the people of this riding."

More information on Schmale can be found at jamieschmale.ca.

The Conservative riding association will choose its candidate later this year.

Voters will decide if council made right move

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fees for all three defendants.

When asked about the legal costs Highlands East incurred, Burton said he was unaware of how much it cost, as he was not privy to the negotiations as it would be a conflict of interest.

"Because I was involved I couldn't be part of that process," said Burton.

"I knew this was coming and I have no regrets. We've got a wonderful fire department, a wonderful bunch here and away we go."

The solicitor fees are reflective of the economy in which we live, said Burton.

"No matter what you do in this day and age, it's a lot of money," he said.

"I'm disappointed with the decision, but that's the court system," Burton said.

Future decisions are now in the hands of Highlands East residents.

"If the people decide that it [the firing] was the wrong decision then maybe next fall in the election they'll tell us," he said.

When asked if the case has affected the municipality's insurance premiums, chief administrative officer and treasurer Sharon Stoughton-Craig did not respond to emails from the *Echo*.

Note:

In the story "Gliddon Highlander of the Year," Feb. 25, the story said that Dale Bull is the chairwoman for Hike for Hospice.

While Bull was the chairwoman in 2012 and 2013, for this year's upcoming hike, that position will be assumed by Bonnie Roe.

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Farmers' market to grow in coming season

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

In just a few months juicy strawberries and fresh corn will be once again available in Head Lake Park.

The Haliburton County Farmers Market is gearing up for another season, with organizers revelling in a successful event in 2013.

Running from June through to September, the board of the market undertook a consumer survey to give organizers a clearer idea of the factors and failures contributing to the event.

While a pilot project ran in Haliburton Village in the fall of 2012, last summer marked the first time two markets (under the same umbrella) ran simultaneously in the county, with a Tuesday market offered in Haliburton Village and a Friday market in Carnarvon.

Results from the consumer survey showed the addition of a Haliburton market was not only successful, but further strengthened the local food movement in the area.

Prepared by market director Fay Martin, survey results from the Haliburton market were compared to results compiled from the Carnarvon market in 2011.

While both markets achieved success, the results found the Carnarvon location grossed approximately \$90,000 in sales, while the Haliburton market brought in approximately \$110,000.

The patron base was a mix of both seasonal and year-round residents, with 76 per cent from Dysart stating they would shop exclusively at the Haliburton market, 35 per cent of them former Carnarvon shoppers.

"However the Carnarvon market maintained and in many weeks increased the number of

patrons year over year," wrote Martin in summary of the survey results. "Obviously the patron base is growing and can support two markets."

Results also showed the market attracted different groups, with Haliburton's market more popular with year-round residents.

Martin was pleased to see many of the Haliburton customers came into town not just for the market, but to support local business as well. Of 376 responses, 49 per cent said they came to the village especially to attend the market and that half of them did other shopping once there.

That number escalated as the summer and the market went on.

"To me that really says that this is really good for business in the village. It [the market] brings people in and once they're there they spend money," she said.

That factor is important to highlight, she said, to show the market is not acting as a threat to other local business, but rather an opportunity.

One surprise from the survey was the demographic of patrons, with 61 per cent of Haliburton's patrons in the family phase.

"I think that has to do with location ... in Haliburton we're part of an afternoon out," said Martin, pointing to the playground and park as family attractions.

Different factors drew people to the markets, with vendors ranking high on the scale, along with choice and quality of the products.

Service from vendors and their openness to customer interaction was given top marks, according to the results.

The market's board of directors are attributing much of the market's success to quality vendors, an engaged community and most important, a strong partnership

with the municipality of Dysart.

"Dysart really rolled out the carpet for us," said Martin. "That kind of attitude results in a volunteer-run organization like us to do our stuff best, which is for the benefit of everybody. So kudos to them for their very proactive support of us."

Looking to this summer, the board of directors is already thinking about ways to grow and enhance the young market, with the idea of partnering with the Rails End Gallery just one of many.

"We're going to do a loyalty card this year ... we really want to acknowledge patrons who support the market every week," said Martin.

The program will reward frequent market visitors with free market dollars that can be used how they want.

Survey results showed that areas for improvement include offering more on site food and drink options, musical entertainment and expanding local artisan items along with children's programming.

The board is already taking all of the survey suggestions into mind while making plans for this year, said Martin.

The market is in the process of hiring a market manager for the upcoming season and looking at conducting another survey at the Carnarvon location, to track changes since 2011.

Once again the Haliburton market will be located in Head Lake Park, with an extended season running from May through to Thanksgiving.

"It will be bigger and better," said Martin.

More information can be found online at www.haliburtoncounty-farmersmarket.wordpress.com.

Organizations plan for substantial hydro hike

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she said.

Scott's office has been busy handling a deluge of customer complaints about Hydro One not billing correctly or on time, the MPP said.

The announcement that rates are going to rise steadily just further angers constituents, she said, calling it "a bureaucracy totally out of control."

Wilberforce business owner Mike Croft attended the roundtable discussion and said the rates will add pressure.

His business, Hyland Ice, has been around since 1945 and has grown to an operation that employs 40 staff in the summer, 12 in the winter.

While they put in a new plant in 2006, reducing hydro rates by 50 per cent, "it's still a [lot] of money a month for hydro," he said.

"My personal bill has practically doubled in the last year," Croft said. "If it continues to go up, how is the average person ... going to pay for hydro and Bell and insurance and rent?"

Croft said most small business owners will have to consider increasing the cost of their products to offset increased costs, something he's hesitant to do.

"What do you do? You charge more for your product to offset your costs. Then you've got to charge more for your product to give your employees [more] money, which could result in less sales? Do you hold the price hoping that you're going to be able to survive at the lesser profit margin? Do you cut the price of your product?" said Croft.

The not-for-profit sector has its own set of dilemmas as hydro prices go up.

The Haliburton Curling Club pays about \$33,000 a year for electricity.

The building has ice from mid September to the end of March and keeping the rinks cool is one of their biggest expenses next to the ice maker.

With 250 members, it's already a burden to pay those costs.

"In my opinion, it's a money machine that's out of control," said curling club president Rick Ashall.

Ashall has been watching Hydro One's annual reports and noted the corporation's net income increased 16 per cent in 2012.

A Hydro One spokesperson said all of the increases are publicly disclosed and salaries and expenditures have to be approved by the Ontario Energy Board.

"When we apply for rate increases, we have to submit what we call evidence. And that's basically evidence of all of

our financials for the past years and expected financials for the upcoming years and that includes salaries, expenditures, rates, all of that. So, it is a regulated utility and have to apply to the Ontario Energy Board for any increases," said Hydro One spokeswoman Nancy Shaddick.

With a membership made up largely by retirees on fixed incomes, Ashall said the club will be under pressure to keep membership fees stable despite increased costs, but the planned increases are substantial.

The group tries to control its costs by keeping the heat low and the lights off when they can, "but you reach a point where you've exhausted the prudent things," he said.

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association is in a similar position.

With a fish hatchery responsible for raising up thousands of fish every year, hydro is essential, but funding is hard to find.

The hatchery costs about \$18,000 a year in hydro, said board member Mike Johnson, meanwhile the funding from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Haliburton County is drying up.

"There's no room to move," said Johnson. "You have to address it in some form or another."

The HHOA's strategy is to go solar.

The plan is to raise money to install a solar panel system to feed back into the grid and eventually start paying back the organization.

"You have to do it yourself," said Johnson. Expecting the government to legislate hydro rates to manageable levels isn't going to happen, he said.

Hydro One offers some programs to help small businesses cope with prices, said spokeswoman Tiziana Baccaga Rosa.

She pointed to the PeakSaver Plus program for small business, which provides a free programmable thermostat for the business in return for an agreement that Hydro One can moderate the temperature during times when the energy grid is overloaded.

There is also a fund that provides for up to \$1,500 in lighting upgrades for business.

In the meantime, the Scott said more needs to be done and has been publicly criticizing Hydro One leading up to an anticipated spring provincial election.

"[An] increased hydro bill increases the cost of food for all of us. It impacts tourism if people have got to spend more money on the basics of life they're going to travel less. Our businesses are going to suffer up in Haliburton. The ripple effect is terrible," said Scott.



Armaterc Survivability president and CEO Karl Pfister, left, and planner Heather Sadler address the members of the Dysart et al planning committee during a public meeting at the Haliburton Legion on March 3. Armaterc is proposing to set-up a 2,300-acre military testing site in Harcourt, if the property is rezoned and the official plan is amended. The committee passed a motion recommending to council that they do not accept a rezoning or change to the official plan.

Angelica Blenich
Staff

Planning committee votes no on Armaterc

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

There was no confusion about how residents in Harcourt feel about a military testing and research site being proposed for the area during a public planning meeting on March 3 at the Haliburton Legion.

More than 200 people packed the room to voice their concerns and opinions about a proposal being brought forth by Armaterc Survivability to purchase 2,300 acres of land for the site.

In order for the proposal to move forward, the land located on Peterson Road and Elephant Lake Road would have to be rezoned and the official plan amended.

Chaired by Councillor Steve Pogue, the meeting gave those opposed to the proposal a chance to explain why.

Dysart et al director of planning Pat Martin said to date the municipality had received hundreds of comments from residents, citing a list of concerns including noise, traffic, impact to the natural environment, wildlife, public safety, infrastructure and property values.

Martin said a petition with 112 signatures in opposition to the proposal had been submitted to the municipality prior to the meeting.

An area cottager from Whitby was the first to speak up about his concerns and handed a petition to Martin that included close to 1,000 signatures in opposition to the project.

Circulated online through website change.org, the petition includes names from all over the world and electronic signatures.

The cottager believed the proposal would have a devastating effect on the value of Harcourt homes and cottages.



I feel like this whole thing is a huge exercise in making a mountain out of a molehill.

— Tim Casey

Other full-time and seasonal residents cited concerns with the noise, impact on the environment and tourism.

Benoir Lake resident Tricia Atkinson spoke from her heart, saying “we have a collective obligation to be stewards of this earth.”

Many spoke up saying that while they do support the troops, they didn’t think the proposed property was the right site for a testing facility.

Married to someone who serves in the military, Atkinson said she more than anyone wants her husband to be safe.

“We’re just not willing to sell our souls to make that happen,” she said.

Cottager Richard Meijer said soldiers fought for freedom of speech and those affected by the site must take a stand to protect their land.

“The very culture of our region would be affected,” he said. “Let us make the right choice for our future.”

When asked by Gary Martin how he could do due diligence on the site, Pogue said he had by calling a reeve, municipal planner and real estate agent in other areas affected by Armaterc. All of them spoke highly of the company, he said.

Sarah Atkinson said her grandparents had been living on Benoir Lake Road for the past 70 years and that by amending the official plan the municipality would be setting a bad legal precedent.

The site would disrupt the ecosystem and disturb wildlife, she said.

“Thanks but no tanks,” said Atkinson.

Elephant Lake Road resident Tom Fraser said he wouldn’t have bought property in the area if he had known about this proposal and that he feels cheated.

He asked that council not defer their decision to allow more studies to be done.

“The people of this area have spoken,” he said. “This is your legacy.”

Cottager-turned-full-time resident Philip Martin said the noise from the military testing will affect the surrounding area.

“I didn’t go to school and I don’t have a degree but I know you are wrong,” he said, looking to Karl Pfister, president and CEO of Armaterc Survivability.

Speaking out against the behaviour that had been displayed in the meeting, year-round resident Tim Casey said he thought the issue was being blown out of proportion.

“I feel this whole thing is a huge exercise in making a mountain out of a molehill,” he said,



Angelica Blenich Staff

Benoir Lake cottager Donna Martin reads a letter written by her granddaughter opposing a proposal from Armaterc Survivability at a public planning meeting held at the Haliburton Legion on March 3.

Noise, property values, tourism top concerns for residents

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met with a roar of boos from the room. "If anyone is driving down the property value of Benoir Lake it's this group of people."

Casey said he believed that Armatec had to follow strict federal government guidelines and that five jobs could make a difference in this area.

He believed the views expressed at the meeting were not reflective of the entire community.

"Armaterc is worthwhile if they save just one Canadian soldier's life," said Casey.

Others said they respect the company and the work they do, they just didn't find the Harcourt site a suitable location.

Representing Armaterc Survivability, planning consultant Heather Sadler said the purpose of the meeting was to help the public understand what the proposal was all about.

The information people are finding through Google is alarmist and not true to what is being proposed, said Sadler.

"If what is being proposed by so many were true I too would have to stand up," she said.

Sadler reiterated the company was not there to hurt anybody or to lower property values and that only a small portion of the land would be used.

She said experts have been retained to do the required studies and a preliminary environment report has already been done.

Sadler and Pfister requested the committee defer its decision on the proposal until more reports and studies were done.

"We wouldn't want you to make an uninformed decision," said Sadler. "It's unfortunate that so many people have the wrong idea about this."

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The people of this area have spoken.

— Tom Fraser

Pogue said that when the municipality created the official plan they didn't envision this type of development in the area and that change should not be considered lightly.

Councillor Walt McKechnie wondered if Armaterc would consider moving the training site to another part of the property, to which Pfister said yes.

Councillor Susan Norcross wondered why this piece of land was so important to Armaterc.

"Is there really that much shortage of property where there is not a tourism area?" she asked.

Pfister said the site had been selected based on a number of factors, including its size and proximity to Armaterc's head office in Dorchester.

He said if it does have a negative impact on the area it wouldn't make sense to locate it there.

"But I think that's just perception and not based on facts," said Pfister.

Pogue cited the five to 15 jobs that have been reported as to being created as a result of the proposal and inquired if they would be new jobs.

Pfister said there would be five local jobs to start, which would eventually grow to 15. Staff from Armaterc would help

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The committee has listened to you.

— Councillor Steve Pogue

with the set-up and training phase.

Pfister said there would be no ballistic testing at any time, as that was done in Dorchester.

Changes to the official plan should not be taken lightly and should have broad support in the community, said Pogue.

"That does not exist in this community," he told the room. "The committee has listened to you."

The planning committee passed a motion recommending that council not amend the official plan for the proposal.

Following the meeting Pfister said he would be weighing his options going forward, while waiting for the next step before making a decision.

If the proposal is denied by council Pfister has not ruled out taking the decision to the Ontario Municipal Board.

Pogue reiterated during the meeting that decisions made at the municipal level were only the first step and that interested parties could go to the OMB to appeal.

Dysart et al councillors will be voting on the application at their council meeting on March 24.



Angelica Blenich Staff

More than 200 people filled the Haliburton Legion on March 3 to discuss a proposed zoning change and official plan amendment for a military testing site to be located in Harcourt. The three-hour meeting included many comments from the public with concerns about the proposal.

Application at a glance:

What is Armaterc planning to do?

Armaterc Survivability, a company based out of Dorchester, is proposing to purchase 2,300 acres in Harcourt to develop a military testing and research area for survivability and protection system prototypes.

What are some of the concerns?

Some of the concerns from area residents include issues with noise, traffic, wildlife disruptions, impact on environment, effects on property values and public safety. The negative perception of a military site located within a tourism area was also raised as a major concern.

What did the committee decide Monday night?

The Dysart planning committee recommended that council not rezone the proposed property or amend the official plan, both of which are required for the Armaterc proposal to go through.

What's next?

Dysart et al council will vote on the application and whether or not to amend the zoning classification and official plan at their March 24 meeting. The vote will be taken by all seven members of council.



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Investing in recreation

DYSART'S SPORTS and recreation pilot project was a jolt of energy we didn't know we needed.

Since September, Andrea Mueller has been co-ordinating a bevy of fun, active pursuits including weekly walking/snowshoeing groups; an equipment lending library; and the Ugly Sweater Run.

But her contract is short. By March of next year, the project will be over and it's not yet known what will follow.

In seven months, Mueller has proved just how necessary recreation and sports programming is.

A steady stream of residents looking to be active and connect with community has engaged in the events organized.

On top of the programming, Mueller has also made herself available to those wanting to create opportunities, being in the perfect position to connect motivated residents with municipal resources.

For those of us not engaged in the health promotion field, having a recreation programmer was like a sudden, surprising breath of fresh air.

Who knew we needed someone to create opportunities to get fit and have fun?

Last Thursday, Mueller and the municipality organized a public meeting for those interested in cultivating more opportunities and the venue was packed with people bursting with new ideas.

They ranged from simple things such as improving signage for mountain bikers in Glebe Park to building an indoor swimming pool (no surprise there), but almost all of the

ideas needed a dedicated staff person to make them happen.

Volunteers, while tenacious, just can't accomplish what a municipal staff person can.

Which is why the municipality – and we as taxpayers – should consider dedicating funds to creating a permanent director of sports and recreation programming.

Even for the industrious few, there isn't enough to do in Haliburton.

Much of the recreation is self-guided with a few clubs that provide the bulk of the opportunity.

Some clubs are afford-

able, but many aren't for lower-income residents.

What Mueller has provided so far has been free, thanks to municipal backing, opening opportunities to those who want to play, but have limited means to pay.

But even beyond cost, having someone facilitate recreation just means more to do.

Especially in the winter months, Haliburton offers slim pickings for those looking for an evening activity or a public place to congregate.

As was noted by a couple of passionate recreation advocates on Thursday, many other towns have permanent staff for this kind of thing.

It's about priorities and a change of mentality.

Just as the roads department exists for the good of the driving public, a recreation department with regular programming can do the same.

The benefits – a healthier, more connected, happier population – are worth the cost.



Jenn Watt
Editor



Sunsets on Lake Kashagawigamog

photo by Darren Lum

Armatec will end at OMB

THOSE OPPOSED TO the Benoir Lake area testing facility being proposed by military technology company Armatec Survivability won a small battle last week, but the proverbial war over the project could go on for a long time.

Months, perhaps longer.

At a public meeting last week, one that was tense but less heated than the information session Armatec held in Harcourt nine days earlier, the planning committee for Dysart et al recommended that council deny the zoning and official plan changes required for the facility.

That decision was met by a round of applause from relieved attendees.

But not so fast.

While the outcome was a victory for opponents, the committee's recommendation is just the first step in what could be a long process.

Next council will vote on the application and while councils often take the recommendations of their subcommittees, they don't have to.

Yes, the decision may seem like a no-brainer to some; there's been vehemently vocal protest from many residents on the issue and so council's only valid, democratic choice is to shut the application down.

But not so fast.

Under the loud, at times belligerent, chorus of protest, there are residents who have been brave enough to speak up in favour of the project, citing Armatec CEO Karl Pfister's seemingly impeccable reputation and that the facility would create jobs for local people in an economically depressed area.

More significant is that municipal councils are supposed to judge planning applications on the merit of the applications themselves, not emotional arithmetic.

The planning consultant Pfister has hired for the project is beyond competent. She's good at her job. She knows what she's doing.

However, a weakness in the application may be that it requires amending the township's official plan, something much more complicated in scope than a zoning change.

Given the outcry over the Armatec proposal, it may seem that the politically intelligent decision for council is to turn it down.

But no so fast.

Aside from the councillor whose ward includes Harcourt, there is little political risk for councillors. It's unlikely that people in Eagle Lake are going to get bent out of shape if their rep supports the project.

As for the reeve's seat, longtime leader Murray Fearrey has not yet announced whether or not he'll be seeking re-election. But even if he does support the project, if he runs again, he'll win.

Nothing shy of an apocalypse could unseat Fearrey in Dysart.

But whatever council decides, the outcome will be the same.

Whatever council decides, this application will end up before the ultimate authority on land use in the province, the Ontario Municipal Board.

If council turns down the application, Pfister has said publicly he'll appeal the decision with the OMB.

And he will.

Conversely, if council supports the Armatec project, enraged cottagers, worried about their property values, will band together, gather money for legal counsel and appeal the decision with the OMB.

I attended both Armatec meetings. These folks are upset. They'll do it.

The war over the Armatec facility is far from over.



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points of view

Opportunity lost

THE OTHER DAY I was online looking at things best not seen by impressionable teenagers and spouses, when suddenly Jenn walked in and caught me engaged in my fantasy. "Oh my God!" she yelped. "That's what you look at when you're alone and on your computer?"

"It's completely normal in some parts of the world!" I said, perhaps a bit too defensively. It was true, however. It is my understanding that in England, top hats are routinely worn.

I'm not sure if it's normal practice in most relationships for one partner to insist that the other lay down on a couch and speak while she takes notes, but that's just what happened shortly thereafter. It was odd, even for me.

"Ok," she said, in a very calm, comforting voice, "tell me, once again, why exactly are you visiting a website that sells strange hats?" "I'm just preparing in case we ever decide to move to a place where no one knows me," I replied. "I'm not blowing this opportunity again."

"Huh?" she replied. "What opportunity?"

"The hat window!" I exclaimed. "If I hadn't messed up, I could have been the local guy who wears a top hat," I said.

I then explained that there are several

folks in town who wear odd hats that no one has ever thought twice of.

"There's the guy with the Stetson, a couple that wear fedoras, the other fellow with the beret and that guy you always see wearing the Indiana Jones hat," I said. "Oh, and let's not forget about that gentleman who wears the Panama hat or the dude with the Pork Pie hat..."

"So?" she said.

I then explained the etiquette of odd hats – that being, if, as far as everyone else is concerned, you've always worn the hat, no one will make comment about it while you are in the room. On the other hand, should you just decide to suddenly wear a top hat one day among people who already know your hat habits, you're likely to face derisive laughter.

"It's been a very long winter for you, hasn't it?" she said.

"A top hat would make me look taller," I pouted.

Like most transplants, my big mistake was not realizing all of this before I actually moved into the community. Had I, no one would now even think twice when I tipped my top hat to a passing stranger wearing a lowly ball cap. Or pulled a rabbit out from beneath it.

Now, however, there's virtually no chance of me wearing a top hat outside of a Little Theatre production. Unless I take up magic, of course.

Talk about an opportunity lost.

If my Photoshop renderings are anywhere near accurate, a top hat, along with the mandatory cape, would have suited me.

Sadly, this simple bit of rural knowledge is something we're losing. If you look at old photos you'll see that odd hats were far more prevalent than they are today. I blame it on the transient nature of the early settlers.

I say realtors ought to be passing along to prospective newcomers. Perhaps the county ought to even be slipping in a sheet explaining this with your first tax bill. Believe me, the chance at reinventing yourself, and possibly covering up a bald patch, with a dramatic hat is a something that should not be wasted.

After all, the right hat bestows special powers on a man.

For instance, no one in history has ever asked a man to take off his coonskin hat for fear of what's underneath. And all you need to do is wear an artist's beret and people will take you seriously when you tell them that their child's finger painting shows promise. Likewise, when you're looking for a whip or a witty remark in the face of incredible danger, you automatically turn to the guy with the Indiana Jones hat. Right?

Unfortunately, I missed my chance.

And the sad part is I love this community so much that I'm willing to forego all of these benefits just to stay. Oh sure, on occasion, I'll wear my fly fishing hat, but that's not something I do in public. Even my bad taste has boundaries.

But if I were leaving to move to a new community, believe me, I'd move in wearing a top hat.

Needless to say, the moving van would have to have a sun roof.



Steve Galea
Loon Tales



pic of the past

This picture was taken in 1945 when the train was still running into Haliburton from Toronto. It shows Edna and Harvey Tripp and they were taking Edna Hennings (Legge) to catch the train to return to Toronto after spending the weekend with them in Eagle Lake. Submitted by Glenda Locksley, daughter of the Tripps.

letters to the editor

Where there's a will, there's a way

To the Editor,

I was once told we will never get a pool-recreation centre because the different municipalities can't agree. It was mentioned in your article people can't afford firewood so why a pool/rec centre. I am well aware we are the poorest community in all of Ontario and have been so for awhile. We also have one of the largest volunteer based communities and help each other out: ie community kitchens, Fuel for Warmth, food banks, Food Crusade, etc. Look how everyone banded

together after the flood. I often find myself trying to make ends meet. This is a money issue the municipalities don't want.

Let's not always dwell on the negative. You can't float to the top if you think you're weighted to the bottom. My parents always said where there's a will there's a way! This pool-rec centre has done their homework. Good job. Here's to a positive, active, healthy future.

We all deserve a pool/rec centre.

Cathy McIlmurray

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letters

Pool would create new athletes

To the Editor,

Alleluia! The market demand feasibility study regarding an indoor pool and recreation centre has confirmed what I have advocated for many years. We not only need but can maintain a recreation centre and pool in this area.

I will concede that roads and infrastructure are necessary and ongoing, they will always be, but it is time that council and our community move into the 21st century. The benefits to our children and senior citizens, physically, mentally and health wise would be immeasurable and long lasting.

As an aside, we all shared the pride of a Haliburton son as an Olympic hockey player. He did not get there alone. Would we be less elated if a future summer Olympic swimmer or gymnast stood on the podium and acknowledged their start in Haliburton?

M. Joan Irish
Haliburton

Confusion

To the Editor,

I have been a longtime resident of the township of Dysart and through my 70-some years, I felt I had gained some insight into the thoughts of the residents.

Recently in the media of the township there have been articles about two "industries" that apparently would like to locate in the area. They both involve the use of land for a specific purpose and both apparently require some implementation of land use zoning changes.

On the one hand there is the proposal of Armatec to construct a testing site on a 2,300-acre parcel and the proposed methods of such testing.

All effects of this proposal can be physically demonstrated. In addition some job creation will be involved.

Notwithstanding there has been an immediate, negative and angry response to this proposal.

On the other hand, there is a proposal to create or establish a "medical marijuana facility" to which I see only quiet, but positive acceptance notwithstanding that I perceive such a name as an oxymoron.

Apparently with this proposal there is also the possibility of minimal job creation. I do not know if the real effects of a medical marijuana grow-op can be demonstrated.

One business proposal is directed toward opting into life and the other I submit is directed to opting out of life.

But that is just me saying that. Maybe everyone should really get the facts about each proposal and make decisions that do not assist the public being defrauded of true costs, values and benefits.

There is smoke from explosive devices and it is blown and dissipates into the air. There is smoke from the other proposal but it is blown differently.

I feel like a confused dinosaur.

David M. Bishop
Haliburton

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to jenn@haliburtonpress.com

World beyond Haliburton

Gerald Irish
Senior's Moment

Believe it or not, there is more to life than just staying alive. It's important to have something for which to live.

One cannot live for self alone or their world becomes narrow - too narrow to allow other people and events in. Surprise! There is a world beyond Haliburton.

When we were first married, I asked my wife to wait until retirement to do our travelling. She said no to this plan because if we waited too long one of us might not be able to go far from home. She was right (as usual) and thank God I had the brains to heed her advice.

We have had the great good fortune of being able to travel, see the world and meet many wonderful, interesting people. I'm proud to say some are still friends and we keep in touch.

No matter how far we have travelled or how many people we have met, there is no place like home.

As a senior it is increasingly difficult to look to the future. How much future is there? It is easier to look back over our past and recall wondrous moments and events and places and people.

My constant advice is "do it now!" Do it while you can. Don't sit wishing that you had. Just do it.

Wildlife in your backyard

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Recent visitor to our feeder! Submitted by Lynn Craigmyle



Kennisis or Ke-ne-ses?

Rick Bagg, who grew up in Haliburton and has a cottage on Haliburton Lake, brought in this old map of the county to show the spelling of Kennisis. In this map, which was drawn before Algonquin Park was created, the lake is spelled Ke-ne-ses. Bagg found the map in the cottage when he bought it in 1988. It was made by the Canadian Land and Immigration Company.

Jenn Watt Staff



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Hunters' organization urges emergency deer feeding

Jenn Watt
Editor

The length and severity of this year's winter is endangering the lives of white-tail deer, leading the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters to suggest provincially sanctioned emergency feeding.

"The combination of a long winter, late green up, snow depths above 20 to 50 centimetres and several really cold days all combine to increase white-tail deer mortality," said OFAH senior wildlife biologist Mark Ryckman.

Looking at the MNR's winter severity maps, he estimated that Haliburton County was within a region where the lives of the area's deer are at risk due to the persistent cold and deep snow.

"If winter extends too much longer and deer start to starve ... no amount of feeding is going to save lives. It has to be pre-emptive to a certain degree," he said.

Once an animal has starved for too long, you cannot feed them back to health, and Ryckman estimates a majority of deer in some areas could die if emergency feed is not dispensed.

"Some deer die every winter as a direct result of winter. Generally speaking, that's fairly minimal. But in a year like this, where winter severity is predicted to be bad through most of March, throughout most of central and northern Ontario, we could see a loss of anywhere between 50 and 70 per cent of deer in some of these areas," he said.

The MNR is monitoring the situation and so far winter hasn't been bad enough to warrant feeding, said spokesperson Jolanta Kowalski.

"While difficult winters are known to lower deer numbers, deer populations can increase quickly afterwards. At this time we do not believe winter severity conditions observed to date will have an impact on the sustainability of most deer populations," she wrote in an email to the paper.

Feeding deer without the guidance of the MNR can be dangerous, as it causes the animals to congregate, posing risks to pets and humans and increases the risk of passing on diseases between deer, she said.

Deer can also become used to artificial food, which isn't always healthy for them.

Typically, deer will eat almost anything in the winter, said Ryckman, including the buds and stems of trees.

Kowalski recommended those who want to help deer on their properties create trails and cut down browse, branches of trees, "that would otherwise be out of reach - this mimics natural feeding behaviour."

Conservation groups that would conduct emergency deer feeding wait for the MNR to give them the go-ahead to start up programs in harsh winters. Likewise, OFAH's Deer Save fund, which gives out money to those groups feeding deer, is only opened when the MNR deems it necessary.

Kowalski said the ministry will continue to monitor the winter weather "to assess their impact on trends in local deer populations."



Land Trust hires executive director

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust welcomes Larry O'Connor as the trust's first ever executive director. The wealth of experience that the Minden Hills resident brings will take the Land Trust to the next stage of its development, according to a news release. O'Connor, a past chairman of the Kawartha Region Conservation Authority, has a deep understanding of environmental issues and not-for-profit management. His career in public life includes roles as parliamentary assistant to the Ontario Minister of the Environment, a member of the Ontario Legislative Assembly and as Mayor of the Township of Brock. In addition, the Land Trust is delighted to name Heather Deveau as the trust's new administrative assistant.

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Public envisions future of sports and rec

Jenn Watt
Editor

A children's splash pad in the park. Outdoor exercise equipment. A school cafeteria transformed into a recreation hub. A clean beach for swimming. A path groomed for skating through the park.

Dreams were big and kept coming throughout a two-hour recreation meeting at the Haliburton Highlands Museum on March 6.

Anyone interested in the future of Dysart et al's recreation programming was asked to come out and share their ideas.

A diverse group attended, including public pool supporters, mountain bikers, ATV enthusiasts, cross-country skiers and hockey promoters to talk about what they wanted to see in Haliburton.

Councillor Dennis Casey opened the meeting, saying the municipality is looking for ideas for sports and recreation pilot program co-ordinator Andrea Mueller to take on.

Mueller started in September creating activities and opportunities to get Dysart moving and her contract continues until March 2015, when the grant funding will be gone.

"I started in September ... the first thing I did was had a gear swap. And the gear swap was to try to get some equipment generated for the program without spending any money," said Mueller.

From there, a sports equipment bank was created at the Dysart branch of the public library where people can take out all sorts

of gear with their library card.

There have been morning walking clubs, snowshoeing groups, urban pole walking, playtime in the park, after school programming, a bird feeder program and adopt-a-rink shovelling of the lake.

On June 21, Mueller plans to have a kids' biking festival with a bike show and an OPP safety course.

After reviewing what had already been done, Mueller opened the floor up to the public asking for their input.

Some of the activities proposed included horseshoes, a bicycle loan program, a formal outdoor skating rink, a skate loop in the park, a winter skate/dance in the park with a bonfire and music, more infrastructure for the indoor walking program including a workout video and step-up benches, "green" gym equipment and building a public pool.

Since Mueller's contract is grant-based, there was a brief conversation about how to keep programming going in a year's time when the money runs out.

Sue Shikaze, a health promoter with the local health unit, said permanent tax dollars should be allocated to a recreation co-ordinator position.

"I understand the municipality has lots to pay for," she said. "We all benefit from a recreation program available to everybody."

Keeping sports and recreation programming going requires a paid facilitator, she said.

"There's a need and demand for it in the community," she said.

"It's time for us to get out



Jenn Watt Staff

Andrea Mueller, co-ordinator of Dysart's sports and rec pilot program, shares information with Diana McCullough from the county's pool initiative committee following a consultation at the Haliburton Highlands Museum in Haliburton on March 6.

of the mindset ... [that we] pay for it ourselves."

Walter Tose, a volunteer coach and Terry Fox Run co-ordinator, pointed out that much of what the municipality provides isn't based on cost-recovery.

Other tax-supported programs such as emergency services, roads and police don't pay for themselves, "but they're services that we need," he said.

He suggested starting small, getting the high school cafeteria – which

used to be a gymnasium – for programming. He said if facilitators were hired to run nighttime programs, he personally would donate one day a week of his time to making it work.

Councillor Andrea Roberts said she liked suggestions that used facilities that already exist, but wondered if it would be hard to get the school board to agree to opening its doors to these programs.

Another discussion centred on whether Head Lake

could be made suitable for swimming.

One woman said it was a pity that tourists couldn't swim in Haliburton Village and were told to drive to West Guilford to find a good, clean place to swim.

"We have to send tourists away to go swimming. It's not right," she said.

It was explained that the lake would need to be dredged to get the water to flow to restore a clean beach. It would involve the approval of several national

and provincial ministries and probably a substantial investment.

Shikaze pointed out that the municipality's cultural plan recommended the creation of a recreation master plan.

"If there's a plan that sets a vision it's easier to map a course that goes beyond the term of council," she said.

Councillor Andrea Roberts said the municipality is waiting for grant money to do that plan.



Legion donations contribute to purchase of Vital Signs Monitors

On behalf of the Royal Canadian Legion Provincial Command and Ladies' Auxiliaries Charitable Foundation, the Haliburton Legion's Bill Timms, liaison officer, left, and Cheryl James, far right, gave a \$7,055 cheque to Dale Walker, centre, of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation on Monday, March 3 at the Haliburton hospital. This donation contributed to the purchase of the Vital Signs Monitors in the emergency department and the patient units. The provincial foundation has donated \$73,105 to priority equipment.

Darren Lum Staff

HHHS earns silver rating

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Feb. 27 Haliburton Haliburton Health Services board meeting.

HHHS has earned a silver ranking on the Ontario Hospital Association's green hospital score card.

Based on a number of criteria, for 2013, HHHS was one of 24 hospitals in the province to receive a silver ranking.

"Nobody has reached a gold standard," HHHS CEO Varouj Eskedjian told board members.

Forty-seven hospitals received a bronze rating. There are more than 200 hospitals in Ontario.

Flu outbreak

In early February, there was a influenza outbreak at Extendicare, with three residents exhibiting symptoms. That was compounded by an outbreak of coronavirus at the facility Feb. 14. As a result, staff, patients and visitors at Extendicare have not been permitted to pass back and forth to HHHS facilities. Any staff working at Extendicare must wait 72 hours before returning to work at HHHS and signage has been posted.

Community Care moving

The house adjacent to the Haliburton hospital recently purchased by HHHS is being renovated to accommodate the administration for Community Care Haliburton County.

Community Care and HHHS are being merged under the ongoing integration process within the Central East Local Health Integration Network.

Renovations are expected to be completed by the end of March, with a move-in sometime in April or May, meaning Community Care will save money it spends on a lease at its current space.

"We can use that money for something else," Eskedjian said.

CCHC and HHHS are to be fully integrated by late June. As part of the integration, hospice care that has been offered by SIRCH and adult day programs from the Victorian Order of Nurses are also coming under the umbrella of HHHS.

Simply cook and enjoy



March into Nutrition Month by getting back to basics and enjoying healthy home-cooked meals

While a new survey points to fewer people preparing meals for themselves, a local nutritionist suggests there are ways to promote an appetite for home cooking.

According to a new Ipsos Reid poll, 43 per cent of Canadians say they do not cook balanced meals for themselves or their family on a regular basis. Many factors can influence why families do not prepare healthy meals at home, including lack of time and cooking skills. The Ipsos Reid poll was conducted for the Dietitians of Canada (www.dietitians.ca) organization ahead of Nutrition Month in March.

Elsie Azevedo, a registered dietitian with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, is not surprised by the poll results, especially when fast, convenient pre-made foods are available everywhere.

"These pre-made foods are not necessarily healthy, but they are readily available which makes them popular," she says. "Unfortunately, the art of cooking is being lost somewhat, and we need to get back to basics like cooking home-made meals."

Research shows that families have healthier diets when they cook and eat at home.

"Cooking at home is better for you and does not have to be a challenge," Azevedo says.

"With a little planning, there are many ways to make healthier, home-cooked meals that are quick, easy and economical for everyone. You can even make it a family affair by getting your children involved in cooking!"

The theme of Nutrition Month in 2014 is just that: "simply cook and enjoy." For Azevedo and other registered dietitians, it means providing practical advice, tools and suggestions to help make it easier for people to cook at home. "Healthy eating is the cornerstone of healthy living, so we really are what we eat," she adds.

"By overcoming barriers, we can discover that a healthy, home-cooked meal can be simple, quick and delicious."

Throughout March, registered dietitians in the Health Unit's area and across the country will be highlighting a variety of resources, recipes and videos that highlight basic cooking tips, budget-friendly cooking, time-saving meal preparation ideas and suggestions on how to make cooking a family affair.

There is even a free Cookspiration app available for iPhones and iPads that can provide unique eating ideas, recipes with photos and nutritional details on different foods.

Local residents can access these resources (including the app) and other healthy eating information by visiting the health unit's website at www.hkpr.on.ca.

People can also call the health unit toll-free at 1-866-888-4577 to speak to a registered dietitian.

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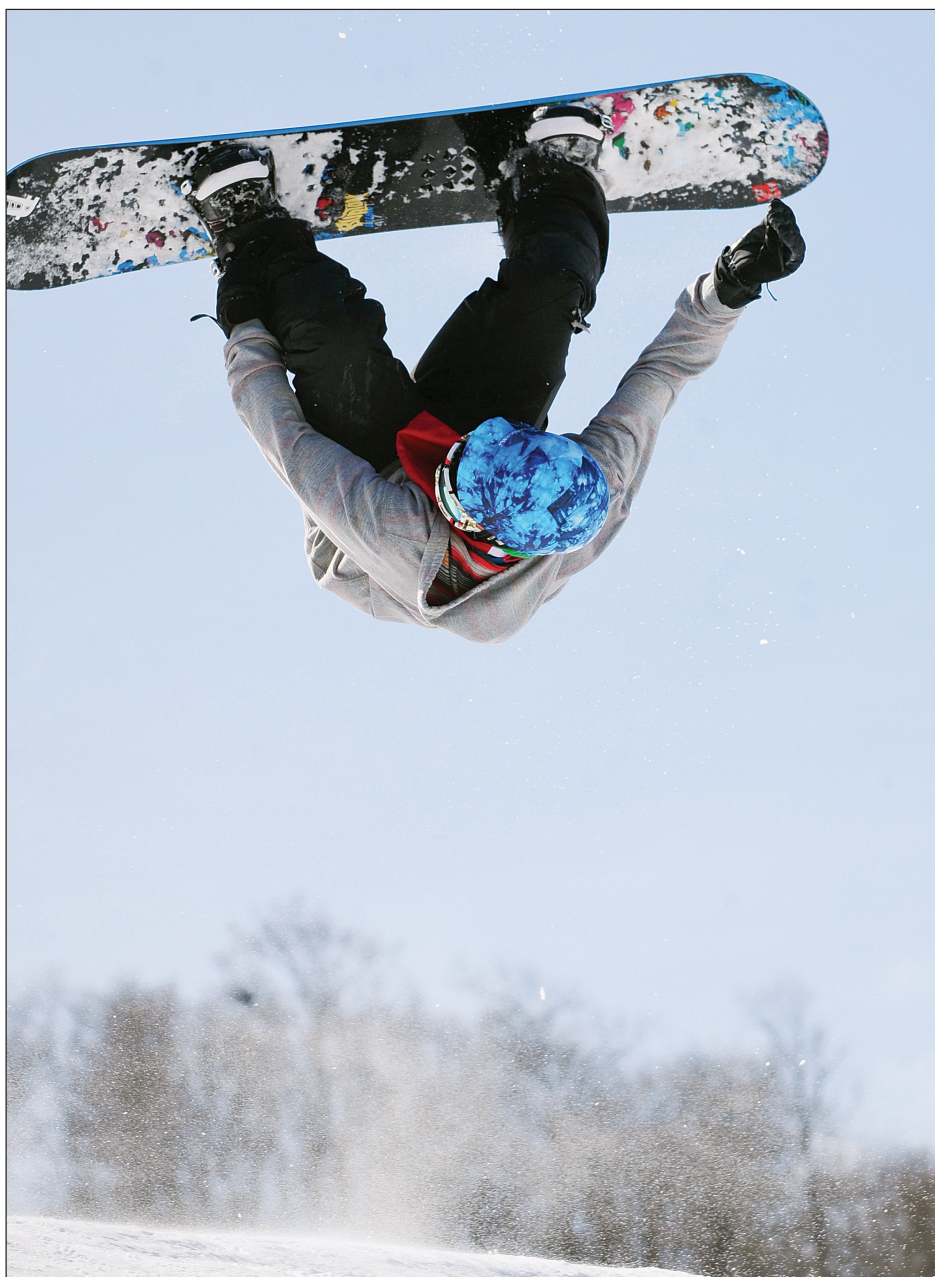


March Break at the hill

Above, a snowboarder tweaks a jump, grabbing his board at the Sir Sam's Ski and Bike area in Eagle Lake on Sunday, March 9. The ski hill is open the entire March break.

A snowboarder flips at Sir Sam's Ski and Bike area in Eagle Lake on Sunday. For more information see www.sirsams.com.

Darren Lum Staff



There's always next year for Hockeyville

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Haliburton's bid to become Hockeyville came up short. During the second intermission of CBC's Hockey Night in Canada broadcast this past Saturday Haliburton was not named in the Kraft Hockeyville contest's top 16 communities, as was hoped.

Communities across the country competed to be named Hockeyville for their passion for hockey and hometown pride.

The contest started in 2006 was developed by CBC and sponsored in part by Kraft Canada, the NHL and the NHL Players' Association.

Individuals, groups and teams were encouraged to nominate communities.

The contest's grand prize includes \$100,000 in arena upgrades, hosting a 2014-2015 NHL pre-season game and a visit from CBC.

The eight eastern finalists: Chicoutimi of Quebec; Richmond, Prescott, Beeton and Exeter from Ontario; and Bedeque, P.E.I., Nova Scotia's Amherst and Kingston.

There were also eight western communities named, rounding out the top 16, who get to share \$1 million.

There will be three rounds of audience voting to decide the winner who will be announced during Hockey Night in Canada on April 5.

Get ready for the Head Lake ice melt contest

It's hard to believe it's that time of year again, judging by the deep snow drifts and chilly temperatures.

But get ready, spring is just around the corner!

You can now send in your best guess as to when the last chunk of ice will melt in Haliburton's Head Lake.

Your guess should be specific down to the minute of the day. One guess per person, but each person in a family gets a guess.

All guesses must be in to the Echo by March 28, 2014 to be eligible. The winner will receive a free one-year subscription to the Haliburton Echo.

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Medical equipment rolls into the Highlands

➤ New business offers walkers, wheelchairs, shoes and much more

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Dwaine Lloyd has spent 30 years in the funeral business listening to people's needs.

As owner/operators of Haliburton Community Funeral Home, Dwaine and his wife Lori have heard about the difficulties that residents of Haliburton County face with getting medical supplies.

"People would say to us we had to drive two hours for this, we had to drive an hour and a half for this," said Dwaine.

When the space behind the funeral home became available about six months ago, the couple spent some time looking for a suitable business to fill the vacancy.

Before they knew it they looked no further than to themselves for the answer.

"It suddenly occurred to us that maybe we could bring something to the community ... the question that we asked ourselves was what does Haliburton County need?" said Dwaine.

On March 5 Highlands Medical Supplies opened its doors to the public.

“It suddenly occurred to me that maybe we could bring something to the community ... the question that we asked ourselves was what does Haliburton County need?”

— Dwaine Lloyd

Located at 13523 Highway 118, the business offers a wide-range of equipment for those with physical disabilities, health-care professionals, athletes and more.

Unique to the store is orthopedic footwear for both men and women, from slippers and sandals to dress and athletic shoes.

Along with shoes, compression socks and nylons are available, along with other foot care products.

A wide range of devices for the home can be found, including bathtub chairs, automated lifts to get in and out of the tub, handrails, hospital bedding, lift out chairs, easy to use kitchen utensils and more.

Stethoscopes in all different colours are available for doctors who want to add some pizzazz to their practice.

Fitness equipment includes exercise balls, rollers, walking poles and cold tape, most commonly used by hockey players and other athletes.

To ease the stresses of everyday living, neck pillows, chair cushions and back braces are available for those who stand on their feet all day or do manual labour, such as construction workers.

"It's not a store just for seniors, it's a store that will meet a multitude of needs," said Dwaine.

Transition devices such as walkers, rollators, canes, scooters and wheelchairs are stocked in a variety of models and makes.

The chairs and walkers are measured specifically to fit the buyer, said Dwaine.

In the future the store will work with area medical professionals, to assist with providing information and knowledge to customers.

Both Lori and Dwaine believe that not only have they filled a void in the county but they will also be helping residents transition through various stages of their life.

In the future the owners are hoping to have a television set-up in the store, to show informational videos on available products and equipment.

Items not yet available at the store can be ordered, said Dwaine.

The store is open year-round, Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

More information can be found online at www.highlandsmedicalsupplies.com or by calling 705-457-9355.



Angelica Blenich Staff

Dwaine and Lori Lloyd are the owners behind one of Haliburton's newest businesses, Highlands Medical Supplies. Located on Highway 118 behind the Haliburton Community Funeral Home, the store opened its doors on March 5 and carries a wide range of medical equipment, orthodontic footwear, fitness items, mobility products and more.



Funding Food for Kids

Aaron Walker, Food for Kids co-ordinator shakes hands with RPM and Kosy Korner owner Alan Gordon, who is joined by his RPM staff members, from far left, Robbie Stevenson, Charlie Packard, Britney Rock, Bill Skelding, Kasey Bull, Tiffany English, Mark Freeman, William Brennan, Paul Bellefleur, and dogs Gus and Hali, as they give Food for Kids \$3,500. The money was raised through a kids ATV raffle that took place throughout the Christmas season. The funds will help the 50 plus volunteers with the Food for Kids program as they serve more than 1,240 kids per day, five days a week. Absent from the photo is Lisa Robbins, controller and operations manager for RPM.

Zach Cox Staff

Sports

Robertson Bonspiel honours community-minded man

Jenn Watt
Editor

When Jacqueline Metcalf attends the annual bonspiel in her father's honour, it fills her with warm memories of the community-minded man who loved to curl.

Jack Robertson died when he was 75 in 1978.

Former owner of Haliburton's IGA, dedicated Rotarian, Mason and avid curler, Robertson was out playing his favourite game the evening before he passed away.

"He was so heavy into curling ... this was just his life," Metcalf remembers.

This year, 16 teams came together on March 5 to play Robertson's game in the 37th annual bonspiel with money raised going to the Haliburton Curling Club.

Organizer Art Dawson said he was honoured to bring people together to have fun and remember Robertson.

Dawson grew up next to the IGA and got his first job there when he was 14.

"He was such a nice guy and his daughter is the same way," he said.

Metcalf said her father died in February and by March of the same year community members had launched the bonspiel in his honour.

"It's wonderful for me to be here and be part of this," she said.

Robertson's philosophy of life was that each person is just one leaf on a tree. When it comes time, the leaf falls, leaving space for the next leaf to emerge.

It was his hope that the "new leaves" would learn from the old, refreshing timeless values, such as kindness and charity, anew.

This year's bonspiel was won by Bob Johnston's team, which included Steve Todd, Greg Scheffee and Ron Draper.



Jenn Watt Staff

Bob Johnston's team took home the trophy at the 2014 Jack Robertson Memorial Curling Bonspiel March 5 at the Haliburton Curling Club. From left, Greg Scheffee, Ron Draper, Bob Johnston, Steve Todd, Jacqueline Metcalf (Jack Robertson's daughter) and bonspiel organizer Art Dawson.

Hawks dominate COSSA Wrestler finishes top 16 of province's best at OFSAA

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Let the good times roll.

The Red Hawks boys' hockey team is advancing to the Ontario Federation School Athletics Association (OFSAA) championships thanks to a dominating performance at the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics (COSSA) championships last week.

They rode the momentum of surviving two closely contested games a week before during the Kawartha Championships (semi-finals and the finals) hosted at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton said coach Ron Yake.

"Our games at Kawartha were key in our success at COSSA — the boys showed themselves that they are capable of battling out a close game and coming away with a victory in any game," he wrote in an email.

The Hawks won the semi-final 5-3 against the Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons and 1-0 in the finals against St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School a few hours later.

At COSSA, the Hawks won 6-2 against North Hastings in the semi-finals and 4-1 over the Falcons.

The Hawks didn't show any signs of weakness,

except for a lapse after a strong start in the first game.

"We had a solid start, up 2-0, but then before we knew it it was 2-2. [Then it was] 4-2 going into the third period. [We] played a strong third period. I think our bus legs were gone at that time," he wrote. In the final, the Hawks overcame some solid Falcons goaltending and outlasted the opposition.

"Our guys were very focused and played a solid all around game. We had many great opportunities early in the game, but the Fenelon Falls goalie made some great saves," he wrote. "With the score 1-1 late in the first period, Curtis Ballantyne let a rocket shot go from the top of the circles that gave our guys the momentum needed for the win. The third period was a defensive 'gem' as we didn't allow FFSS to gather many opportunities to battle back."

Ballantyne went on to score five out of the 10 goals on the day — two in game one and three in the final.

Yake added the defensive core were rock solid along with goalie Brayden Frost who only allowed three goals in two games.

The Hawks will play in the all-provincials after the March break in Burlington.

This is the team's fourth trip to OFSAA with its last in 2010. The best finish was fourth in 2004.

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Red Hawks wrestler Matt Pheaton (51 kilogram) stood tall at the all-provincials, finishing in the top-16 in a field of 29 wrestlers.

Coach Paul Klose wrote in an email that this year's solid performance for the Grade 10 student is good for Pheaton's future.

"It was a great tournament for Matt. He wrestled as well as he has all season and is now primed for next year. With the experience at Ontario Federation Sports Athletic Association [championship], he had a chance to see what it takes to be competitive at the provincial level," Klose said.

"Matt didn't make it to the second day of competition. He wrestled well in his first match and earned a win. In the first round he threw his opponent in a

head and arm throw, and held him to the mat for the first round," he wrote.

"Unfortunately, he couldn't pin him and it went on to the second round. Matt had a couple of great leg attacks and dominated the second round to win the match. "In the second match, he met a senior wrestler who was extremely skilled. Matt lost the match in the first round, putting him on the consolation side of the draw. Here Matt wrestled another Grade 12 athlete, but this didn't stop him from giving it his best shot," he wrote.

"Matt started the round with his best double-leg attack of the season. He finished his leg attack with a half-nelson and had a great pinning position. Unfortunately, Matt was unable to hold him. His opponent broke free and scrambled out. Matt was then caught in a cradle and was pinned."

Lady Hawks coloured COSSA silver with overtime heroics

On Monday, March 3, the varsity girls' Red Hawks hockey team played in the COSSA AAA championship in Peterborough, where they defeated the East Northumberland Cougars 3-2 in sudden death overtime to advance to the gold medal game. Erin Little opened the scoring, with Kenndal

Marsden scoring twice, including the overtime game winner.

The girls took on St. Pete's in the finals, needing a win to advance to OFSAA. Injuries and a short bench gave the advantage to St. Pete's, and they capitalized, winning

the contest. Congratulations on an awesome silver medal COSSA year.

Submitted by Judi Paul



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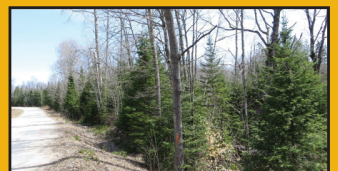
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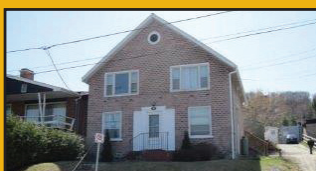
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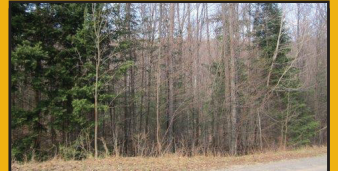
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Angelica Blenich Staff

Fraser MacDonald pipes in the players at the start of the anual Highland Lassie Bonspiel at the Haliburton Curling Club on March 1. A piper for the past 58 years, MacDonald still uses his original pipe.

Port Perry team wins Lassie spiel

Mary Hillaby
Special to the *Echo*

The 38th annual Highland Lassie Bonspiel held on Saturday, March 1 was another successful event held at the Haliburton Curling Club. This year, eight out-of-town teams from Ilderton, Peterborough, Port Perry, Bradford, York Curling Club, Oshawa, and Unionville donned their traditional Scottish clothing and were greeted by eight local teams from the Haliburton club. The 2014 committee comprised of Dianne Kelly, Lynn Childs, Wendy Hewson, Sue Mason and Mary Hillaby organized a fantastic and eventful day. To celebrate the start of the tournament and to add that special tradition of curling, the curlers were piped onto the ice by Fraser MacDonald. Each team played two eight-end games, had an enjoyable lunch, raffle draw and loonie auction that saw some interesting and unique gifts.

This year, prizes were awarded to the top three teams from each draw. The overall 2014 Highland Lassie winner was a team from Port Perry skipped by Chris Acton. Her team included Rose Doyle as vice,

Karen Meyer as second and Barb Davidson as lead. As well, another team from Haliburton skipped by Kim Lewis scored first place honours in their draw. Lewis's team consisted of Sheila Campbell as vice, Jane Jaycock as second and Candy Robinson as lead. Roberta Shaw's team from Bradford finished second along with Kristina Adams from Peterborough. Settling in at third place was a Haliburton team skipped by Wanda Ruddy. Newmarket's Nancy Jackson also came third in her draw. This year's special award, the Sassy Lassies went to the Lindsay Davies team from York Curling Club.

Many thanks to our main sponsor, Ruth Robinson from Cranberry Cottage. Her beautiful arrangement of prizes and gift selections were definitely a crowd pleaser for our "pick of the table". We would like to thank Laurie Bonfield from Country Pickin's for donating to our prize table. As well, Heads Up Hairstylists, Fielding Wine, Jane Jaycock, Wendy Hewson and Sir Sam's graciously donated to our prize table this year. A shout out to Pinestone Resort for their donation of two foursomes of golf with a cart.

The success of the bonspiel is the result of many enthusiastic and helpful volunteers.



Submitted

The overall 2014 Highland Lassie Bonspiel winner was a team from Port Perry skipped by Chris Acton. Her team included Rose Doyle as vice, Karen Meyer as second and Barb Davidson as lead.

Drawmasters and scoring duties were handled smoothly by Brian Murison and Doug Wagg. Our servers were husbands of some of the committee, and John Watson, our ice technician provided an excellent ice surface. Local businesses (V&S, Minden Wine) and artistic curlers (Jan Ashall, Helen Baker, Donna Smith, Jane Jaycock, Lolita Mitchell,

Case Bassie, Laurie Hillaby, Wendy Hewson,) helped provide donations to our raffle table which was met with great enthusiasm and participation.

Many thanks to all these volunteers and to all the curlers, too. See you again next year.

Senior summer games returns to Highlands

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

It was just a natural progression for April Martin to go from a participant to the assistant co-ordinator of the district summer games.

Her love for the event is rooted in her enjoyment to how it helps other seniors in not only getting active, but also in making friends.

Martin, who is in her late-50s, truly loves the senior (plus 55) summer games district 11 games and wants other seniors to discover the joy of participation and the great friendships formed through these games.

The Highlands resident has been volunteer for the district and regional games the past few years and a participant since 2009 (with two years off), starting with events such as shuffleboard, card games and darts.

"I loved it. It was absolutely fabulous because I could pick a place every week to meet friends. There was always a lunch and it's just a great day out," she said.

This year Martin wants to compete in bid euchre, shuffleboard and carpet bowling, which she really likes for the challenge and strategy. She characterizes the indoor sport of carpet bowling as a mix of sports such as her winter sport of curling, bocce and bowling.

District 11 will host the games from May 5 to June 18.

It will not only include the Highlands, but also Kinmount and Gravenhurst.

There is an open house for the district summer games on April 9 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Haliburton Curling Club where the public can register. The cost is \$15.

"For \$15 where else can you find that much activity and social networking," she said, laughing. "The whole thing is we really encourage ... the whole point of the senior games is (because it's 55 years and older) to get out and stay active, be fit, get out socialize. A lot of people get to a certain age and just kinda sit at home and don't do anything and that's not conducive to well being."

She adds for the competitive participant a strong finish will provide a berth to the regional competition. Berths will vary according to events. More competition is available after the regionals, which is the provincials and then the nationals.

Among the sports events, which includes cycling, golf, bocce, carpet bowling and various card games such as bid euchre, is newly added pickleball – a racquet sport that is a hybrid of tennis, table tennis and badminton.

Venues such as the Gravenhurst Senior Centre, Minden Fast Lane bowling centre, Stanhope Fire Hall, Stanhope Community Centre, West Guilford Community Centre, Staunworth Common Room in Minden, Cardiff Community Centre, Kinmount's Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441, Gooderham Community Centre, the Blairhampton

Golf Club in Minden, Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre (swimming), Minden Curling Club (pickleball) across the district will host the many events.

The number of venues, being all over the district, she said, enables people from every community an opportunity to participate and tour the area.

"It's great: you get out. You get to see where you live. You get to travel around a bit. It's a day out. It's a nice outing," she said.

All the events will be held in the day hours.

Last year the district games drew close 250 participants.

This year, Martin said, they're hoping to draw close to 300.

None of these games would happen without the volunteers, who assist with scoring, time keeping and administration.

"We always love to have volunteers. Anybody that wants to put their name in would be great," she said. "Just anybody who wants to get out who doesn't want to participate in the games, but wants to help."

In addition to the open house, registration forms are available at Canoe FM, Moose FM, local libraries or online (www.seniorgames.ca) under the "districts" tab.

For more information call district summer games coordinator, Doug McIntosh (705) 489-3850 or assistant coordinator, April Martin (705) 457-8764.

Bantams head to all-Ontario finals

The Highland Storm Smolen Dentistry Bantam As have advanced to the all-Ontario finals after defeating Listowel.

The Storm won Game 3 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on Friday night by a score of 5-3. Scoring for the Storm was Matt Wilbee with two, Ethan Keefer, Nolan Flood and Paydon Miscio with one. Assists went to Andrew Hall, Kyle Cooper, Jacob Haedicke, Miscio and Wilbee.

Game 2 was on Saturday at the A.J. LaRue Memorial Arena in Haliburton.

Storm boys thought it would be good for the local economy to have Listowel stay another night in the local hotels and spend some money in the local restaurants as they tied up the series at two wins each with a 6-5 loss.

Storm came out flat in the first two periods and found themselves down 6-2 but put lots of pressure on in the third to pull it back to a one-goal game at the buzzer.

Storm goals were scored by Paydon Miscio with two, Nolan Flood, Jake Bishop and Chris Thompson. Assists went to Josh Boice, Ethan Keefer, Kyle Cooper, Andrew Hall and Miscio with two.

Game 5 was in Minden on Sunday and the winner would advance to the championships against Mount Brydges.

The boys proved that they were not ready to hang up the blades yet. Listowel opened the scoring 20 seconds into the game.

It then wasn't until six minutes later that Storm's Matt Wilbee scored assisted by Josh Boice and Nolan Flood.

Then with 3:41 left in the first Wilbee scored his second of the game assisted by Andrew Hall and Flood.

The Cyclones put the pressure on in the second period but could not beat the Storm's hot goaltender Josh Bellefleur as he made several key saves including a wide open breakaway midway through the second.

Then at 1:02 left Listowel tied the game at two. It did not take long for the Storm to rebound as Wilbee scored his hat trick with a pass from Owen Smitty Smith with 11 seconds left in the second.

After intermission the boys were fired up and scored 36 seconds into the third with a goal from Josh Boice assisted by Jacob Haedicke and Wilbee to make it 4-2.

The Storm finished their scoring off at the 7:52 mark once again as Wilbee scored his fourth of the game assisted by Flood and Smith.

Schedule is not confirmed at this time but the series will start this coming weekend.

We would like to thank everyone who came out and cheered the boys on, the fans filled both arenas and we proved that we do not need to win Hockeyville to prove that this is a hockey town.

Team Players

Goaltenders

1 Josh Bellefleur, 31 Parker Smolen

Defence

3 Ethan Keefer, 4 Andrew Hall

7 Josh Boice, 8 Jacob Haedicke

15 Mark Saville, 88 Jake Bishop

Forwards

5 Nolan Flood, 6 Owen Patterson Smith, 9 Chase Burden, 10 Chris Thompson, 11 Greg Crofts

12 Owen Smitty Smith, 16 Paydon Miscio, 17 Kyle Cooper, 18 Matt Wilbee

Coaches

Drew Bishop, Monte Miscio

Barry Boice and Chad Burden.

Submitted by Craig Smith

Great series for Storm girls

The Highland Storm Minden Car Quest midget B girls travelled to Lakefield Wednesday night to take on the Ennismore Eagles in Game 3 of their point series.

With a 0-0 tie and 1-0 loss, the Storm girls



Darren Lum Staff

Highland Storm Bantam A forward Matt Wilbee evades his check on his way to scoring against the Listowel Cyclones during game three of the best-of-five playoff game on Friday night at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden.

needed to steal the game and then win in overtime or a shoot out.

Having a short bench of nine players, due to injuries suffered in winning a high school COSSA silver medal in Peterborough on Monday, the Storm committed to a game plan to challenge the strong Eagle team. After a scoreless first period, Ennismore jumped out to a 2-0 lead midway through the second period.

Kenndal Marsden got the Storm into the game off a nice rush and wrist to get close at 2-1.

The Eagles' strong three-line deep squad proved too much to contain and defeated the Storm to get five points and win the series.

A great series, Storm girls, forcing the No. 1 seed to step up.

This was the last game of an awesome year, girls, with our highlight of winning the Huntsville Tourney.

The coaching staff would like to thank our sponsor, and all our parents and players (Maddie Allore, Maddie Billings, Erica Carmount, Sydney Feir, Cassidy Garbutt, Erin Little, Jamie Little, Kelsey Maracle, Connor Marsden, Kenndal Marsden, Alicia McLean, and Brynn Meyers) for a wonderful season.

It is early yet, girls, but thinking ahead – get ready for next year and our focus for improvements as a last celebration for Storm girls hockey and our goal of returning to provincial championship weekend. Thanks again, girls, for your all your efforts!

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Excellent effort by Peewee A team

The Dollo's Foodland Highland Storm Peewee A team played two games against Penetang with the first on Friday night at the Haliburton arena.

The first period was scoreless in Haliburton but Penetang opened the scoring early in the second period on a power play and followed with a second power play goal midway through the period.

The Storm team did not let up after find-



Darren Lum Staff

Highland Storm Atom A players battle with Listowel Cyclones players during the playoffs on Friday night at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. The Storm lost the game 5-2 and were eliminated from the best-of-five playoff series.

ing themselves down 3-0 after an early third period goal by Penetang.

Owen Gilbert finally put the Storm on the board with a goal thirty seconds after Penetang scored. The Storm team tried their best but finished the game losing 4-1 after a late Penetang empty net goal.

The Storm Peewee A team travelled to Penetang on Saturday and played their best game of the series.

Again the first period was scoreless and then the Storm struck first early in the second period with a goal by Nick Dollo.

The Storm put great pressure on in the Penetang end of the rink but could not capi-

talize.

Plagued by penalties the team lost to an effective Penetang power play with a late second period goal by Penetang and another early in the third period.

The final score was 2-1 for Penetang eliminating the Storm Peewee A team from the playoffs.

The team displayed some fine hockey and did accomplish an excellent playoff effort all the way to the semi-finals against some talented teams.

Submitted by Larry Bukta

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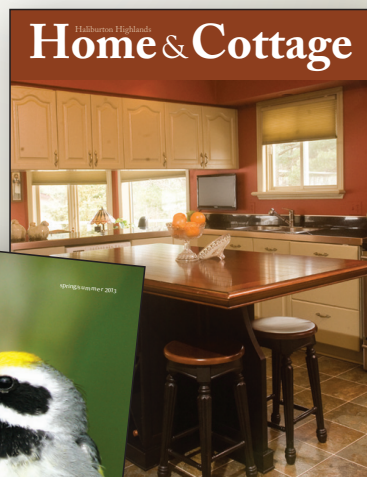
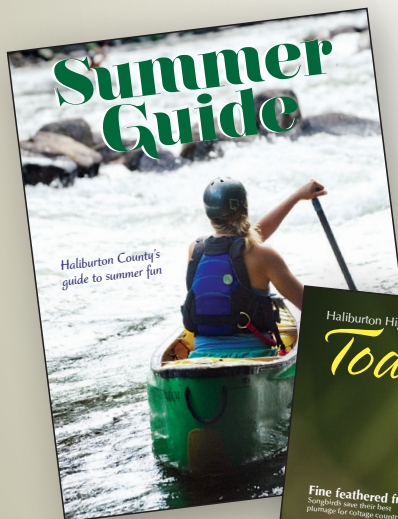
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The warm side of cold

Why if this long ca-RA-zy cold winter hasn't got us Lake WhaddyathinkIme-antonians going loopy, don'tcha know. It started last November and there's no end in sight. Why we're not meant to be held hostage in our cottages by the fear of sub-zero temperatures freezing our noses off, (although it could keep some busy-bodies from pokin' them into other folks' business). Or, from ice hiding under packed snow just waiting for that split second when you lose your balance, do a loop-da-loop, and land flat on our bum cushion.

Noooooooooooo. Right now...right at this very moment, it's suppose to be all slushy and goopy outside- thawing like mad, letting us know that spring's just around the corner. The only thing that's around ol' Maybelle's corner is a heap of snow eight feet high!

Okay, okay. So this is nothing you haven't heard from everybody else in town including yourself...even folks who love to ski. Some of THEM have been staying indoors, too... on those minus 30 (and lower with the wind chill factor) days, ready to trade their ski poles in for golf clubs and a one way ticket to Florida. Polar VORTEX... who even HEARD of it before this winter? Now it's all over the news like a rash: The earth's rapidly warming Arctic is causing extreme weather patterns - from droughts and floods to record breaking sub zero temperatures.

The GOOD news is, and there IS good news. There's always good news when you keep turning the coin (that just might be frozen to your fingers) in order to see the whole picture. This bone chilling weather has got a lot of folks creating all kinds of fun and interesting things to do indoors to keep their spirits high, their minds active, and their mojo working, don'tcha know.

Why, Twindle Mumbly is now the new poster boy for Vilma Yucch's Internet tie-dye t-shirts and detachable sleeves business. It started with him going crazy doing "selfies." You know, when you take a photo of yourself and send it over your cell phone, post it on Twitter, or in Twindle's case...show it to the world on Facebook.

Now, being Lake W's one and only taxidermist, Twindle started taking photos of himself cheek to cheek with the head of a stuffed moose, a really big trout, and his personal favorite -- a snapping turtle. OK, so maybe they don't have cheeks. Or do they?

Anyhow, you'd be surprised how many comments he got on Facebook. Especially from folks who wanted to see HIS head mounted on a stick!

But it gave Vilma Yucch an idea: Twindle would be the perfect model for her signature clothing line. (Her

ideas are sometimes from Planet Odd, don'tcha know). And being a Photoshop genius, why if Vilma didn't make Twindle's 90 pound body look less like the guy's who gets sand kicked in his face... and more like Arnold Schwarzenegger's. What a combination - Gomer Pyle with muscles. And in a Vilma Yucch tight-fitting t-shirt with detachable sleeves... good ol' Twindle is now an Internet sensation!

Why I just about split my sides when I saw Twindle looking all pumped like Arnold S. But nobody got a bigger kick out of it than he did. And trickle, trickle...if Twindle didn't go out and buy himself a whole set of body building weights, a rowing machine, a punching bag, and a walking exercise machine, don'tcha know.

"Vilma," he told her. "I'm an honest man and it just doesn't feel right deceiving folks being one way and looking another. I'm going to BE the guy in your poster."

Now Twindle's so busy pumping iron and responding to all the emails he gets from smitten gals wanting to know if he'll tie-dye the knot - that he doesn't have time to even THINK about the cold snap. And it's still snapping - snap, snap, snap, snap, snap, snap!

Then there's Beanpole Starkman. Why, if Beanpole didn't take up learning how to play the comb, don'tcha know. A purple one at that. Got a real groove goin' on the National Anthem of Norway.

And oh boy how I love making a fire in the fireplace and sitting back and strumming "Pearl" my ukulele. Why just the other day, Beanpole stopped by my cottage while I was pouring my heart and soul into playing: "I Left My Heart in Santa Fe, New Mexico," and if he didn't start jamming with me on comb and cowbell. It was MAGICAL!

But what I love most of all is Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom's latest invention -- the McBottom Mico-Mini Golf Course & Snack Bar. Why with a foamy cup of cocoa, a homemade sweet bun, and a room full of good friends playing the game around a glowing fire...what could be more fun? And nobody looked out the window even once! Nobody ranted about the weather. Why we were all too busy trying to hold those tooth pick size golf clubs and hitting a ball the size of a pea.

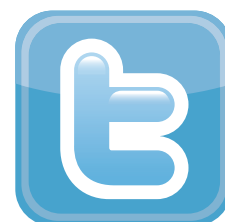
Now I'm not saying, put your head in the sand. Although nice warm sand would be welcome right now. I'm just saying: Behind those snow clouds the sun is always shining. And if you can't see it ... then you just shine in its place.

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Session to explore county's health-care system

Zach Cox
Staff reporter

Health care is an essential service, but the health-care system can be difficult to understand. The Haliburton County Service Providers Network aims to give county residents a better understanding of the system through an information session taking place on Tuesday, March 18.

The session, titled Navigating the Health Care System in Haliburton County, will be presented twice: first at 10 a.m. in the Minden and District Lions Club and then again at 2:30 p.m. in the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre

in Wilberforce. Consisting of presentations by organizations such as the Haliburton Highlands Health Services, the Family Health Team, the Central East Community Care Access Centre, Community Care and long-term care facilities; the session will touch on numerous aspects of the Haliburton County health-care system, including the hospitals, home care, home support services and long-term care.

Event organizer Marilyn Rydberg says the session will be valuable for any residents of the county, because "everyone is going to encounter a situation where they, or a family member, will be needing the [health] services." Those interested in attending the session should contact Community Care by phone at 705-457-2941.

Navigating the Health Care System in Haliburton County is the fourth information session in the HCSPN's Need to Know Community Education Series.

Beginning in September of 2013 with a session on advanced care planning, the education series has since featured two additional presentations; one regarding protecting yourself from fraud and the other on dealing with grief during the holidays.

Rydberg says the plan is to have a total of seven information sessions per year, and the completed sessions have all met with success, each of them drawing 50 to 80 attendees. Following the upcoming feature on the health-care system, the next session in the community education series will be on the topic of superfoods.

St. Peter's ACHS undisputed elementary school tier 2 champions

Team scores 43 goals and allowed only three in four games

Peter Thyrring
Special to the Echo

Haliburton's St. Peter's ACHS College School licked their wounds after losing the Dufferin Peel All Saints hockey tournament this past January. Headmaster and coach, Peter Thyrring said that his students grades 6 to 8 were determined not to lose again this year.

This was after losing four out of six games in the Mississauga hockey tournament. True to their word, St. Peter's

ACHS students, along with a little help from the community, have not lost a hockey game since.

Last week St. Peter's ACHS College School handily won the Unionville hockey tournament scoring 43 goals in four games allowing only three in return. To cap off their season, St. Peter's ACHS went to play for the Beacon Cup in Orangeville earlier this month.

The tournament with 17 Dufferin Peel schools was action packed and fast paced. From the goalie to the defence and forwards this was to be a fight to the finish. In the finals, St. Peter's ACHS beat Holy Family Roman Catholic School by a score of 2-1 with one minute and 32 seconds left in game to win the gold medal.

Matt Duchene was an inspiration for our team in getting our gold medal.



Peter Thyrring Special to the Times

The St. Peter's ACHS College School hockey team proudly shows off the gold medals they earned after besting the Holy Family Roman Catholic School 2-1 in the final game of the Unionville hockey tournament.

Canada Revenue Agency refund scam

Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police has received numerous calls lately regarding persons eligible to receive a Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) refund. People are being contacted via telephone or email and are being advised that their 2013 income tax has been re-assessed and they are eligible for a higher return than originally reported.

People are then asked to visit a website that resembles CRA or provide their personal information including banking and social insurance number over the telephone to assist CRA in depositing the monies. This is a scam and people are not dealing with the CRA, in fact they are dealing with fraudsters. This process is also known as phishing and will inevitably put a person on a "sucker list" for repeated scam attempts.

The OPP is strongly advising people to make sure they know who they are dealing with and to never provide personal information to anyone either over the phone or on Internet websites. People are being advised to report these incidents immediately to police.

For more information please use the following links below:

Contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or (705) 286-1431 or visit www.opp.ca.

Contact the Antifraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 or visit www.antifraudcentre.ca.

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-Submitted by the OPP

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Delivery: 11 Newcastle Street, Minden
Fax: 705-286-4829

We thank all who apply for position, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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Here's an idea for a March Break activity: Julie Thornton called from the local library to let us know about some craft and story times with a spring theme that are available this week for children under 12 years of age. You can take part at one of these fun times at the Wilberforce library on Thursday, March 13 beginning at 1:30 p.m.

At the Gooderham library it's on Wednesday, March 12 at 1:30 p.m. It can be enjoyed at the Cardiff library on Friday, March 14 at 10:30 a.m. Sounds like fun and a good time to pick up some books too.

The bonspiel for kids and family/friends was greatly enjoyed on Saturday, March 8 at the Wilberforce Curling Club. All teams played two six-end games and enjoyed a pleasant lunch together.

The team of Teresa Smith, Kathy McQuigge, Tiffany Tarbett and Logan McQuigge acquired 30.50 points to win first place. Tammy Vaughan, Chelsea Flynn, McKayla French and Stan Wood was hot on their heels with 29.25 points for second place. In third spot with 18.50 points was the team of Ron Roberts, Michelle Little, Sidney Lit-

tle and Samantha Rogers.

Also enjoying the tournament were Roberta Walsh, Kathy Rogers, Michael Rogers and Stephanie Rogers, and the Hill team of Aaron, Jonas, Ezra and Joelle.

Special appreciation is extended to Scotiabank for its sponsorship of this bonspiel with its generous donation of \$250. Congratulations to Tammy Vaughan for co-ordinating the tournament. Thanks also to other club leaders including Kathy McQuigge, Ron Roberts and Darrell McQuigge for their involvement too. You provided a fun day for the youngsters and their teams as they begin their March break from school.

Plans for Maple Fest on Easter Saturday at the Lloyd Watson Centre are well underway. This annual event provides an opportunity to enjoy maple syrup on pancakes with a side of sausages for breakfast or lunch. It's a celebration of a sweet local product that has been held here for many years. There will be a display of historical maple syrup making items and a video about its production. Bring your Easter guests and enjoy time with friends.

Students at the Wilberforce school recently participated in the Effective Speaking competition, which is sponsored by branch 624 of the Royal Canadian Legion. Interesting title for what used to be called public speaking.

In the Grade 5 and 6 section Desi Davies a Grade 5 student placed first with his presentation entitled "How Teachers Spend Their Time When They Are Not Teaching".

Another Grade 5 student, Taylor Donaldson whose speech informed listeners that "Mallard ducks are awesome" placed second in his division.

In the Grade 7/8 section Alexis Toth of Grade 8 placed first with her talk about friends. Melanie Toth, a Grade 7 student, placed second with an account of Edward Munch. Desi Davies was the winner of the school competition and will continue on to the zone competition in Peterborough on March 22. Speaking to an audience is a good learning experience and also a challenge for many. Congratulations to all participants, and good luck to Desi who will represent this area very well.

The curling club here is hosting a luncheon for all pasat curlers on Tuesday March 18 at noon at the club. In order that hosts have adequate food please RSVP by March 14. Call Tammy at 448-3807 or Kathy at 447-0197 or call the club at 448-2512 and leave a message. Do come out and enjoy lunch. Share some stories of good times curling. Even throw a rock if you like. Be a friend of the curling club.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

In the Estate of Elizabeth Brooks, Pensioner, deceased,

All Persons having claims as creditors against the estate of the above mentioned, late of the municipality of Highlands East, in the County of Haliburton, who died at the said municipality, on September 15th, 2013, are required to file proof of same with the undersigned on or before May 5th, 2014.

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Anyone having knowledge of a Will dated later than May 16th, 2013 of the above mentioned is also requested to contact the undersigned.

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CATERING SERVICES FOR AN EVENT Request for Proposals

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) is inviting proposals for the catering of their Annual Volunteer Appreciation Night which will be held on Monday April 7th 2014 at the Royal Canadian Legion Haliburton. The event hosts approximately 180-200 people. Vendors interested in catering this event are invited to submit a formal written proposal. The proposal should outline:

- The Menu
- Cost per person
- Service Fees
- The number of servers for the event

Proposals can be sent to the attention of Janine Burk by email: jburk@hhhs.on.ca or fax 705-286-6384.

Quotations due by 3:00p.m., Monday, March 17th 2014.

Shrove Tuesday pancakes a success

West Guilford

Eleanor Cooper

754-2278

News is scarce. Help! Phone me on a Friday or Saturday since I take the news in on my way to St. George's morning Service on Sundays.

The Guilford residents supported St. George's pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday, March 4 at the Legion. Lots of support for this annual event from all the communities as well as in town.

At the West Guilford Community Centre yoga continues on Monday and Fridays in the morning, Thursdays at 5:30. Zumba continues on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

World Day of Prayer this year was held at Zion United Church in Carnarvon and the country involved was Egypt. The Rev. Max Ward was speaker for the audience of people from Eagle Lake, West Guilford and (mostly) Carnarvon.

Euchre on March 4: High- Alice Jones and Ray Campbell. Low- Kay Morrison and John Kerr. Most lone hands- Pat Marshall and Leon Jones.

Desi Davies wins speech contest



Legion br. 624

Jan Simon PRO
Wilberforce Legion

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Annual Public Speaking
Certificates have been presented to the four children as previously noted. First place winner in the Grades 5-6 competition, Desi Davies is qualified to go on to zone completion in Peterborough later this month. Congratulations Desi.

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Legion br. 129

Dave Allen, PRO

457-2571

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- **Tourism and Recreation Counsellor**
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REQUEST FOR TENDER Haliburton-Stanhope Airport Civil and Electrical Works

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is accepting Tenders for the completion of civil and electrical works at the Haliburton-Stanhope Municipal Airport.

SCOPE OF WORK: The scope of work includes the construction of a 500 m access road, 2 parking lots, 400 m of taxiways, 12,000 sq.m. aircraft apron, Stormwater Management Pond, associated electrical works, line painting and demolition of an existing hangar. The successful tenderer will be required to enter into a contract with the successful contractor for the aircraft hangar construction.

START/END DATE: Anticipated to be May 1, 2014 with the completion of the work by October 31, 2014.

Tender documents will be available after **2 p.m.** local time on **Monday, March 3, 2014** at the Township Office located at:

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There will be a \$200 non-refundable deposit required to receive the Tender documents.

Qualified companies are encouraged to submit a sealed tender plainly marked **"CIVIL AND ELECTRICAL WORKS - TENDER 006-14"** to the above address by:

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INSPECTION

Inspection of Approved 2014 – 2015 Annual Work Schedule Algonquin Park Forest

The **Algonquin Park Office** of the Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)** has reviewed and approved the **Algonquin Forestry Authority (AFA)** April 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) for the **Algonquin Park Forest**.

Availability

The AWS will be available for public inspection at the AFA offices in Huntsville and Pembroke and the MNR public website at ontario.ca/forestplans beginning **March 13, 2014** and throughout the one-year duration. Ontario Government Information Centres at 400 Pembroke Street East in Pembroke, 447 McKeown Avenue in North Bay and 207 Main Street West in Huntsville provide access to the Internet.

Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest management activities such as road construction, maintenance and decommissioning, forestry aggregate pits, harvest, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur during the year. Beyond Park access points, all forest access roads are closed to the general public.

Tree Planting and Fuelwood

The AFA is responsible for tree planting on the Algonquin Park Forest. Please contact the Area Forester, AFA, Pembroke Office (see address below) for information regarding tree planting job opportunities or for obtaining fuelwood.

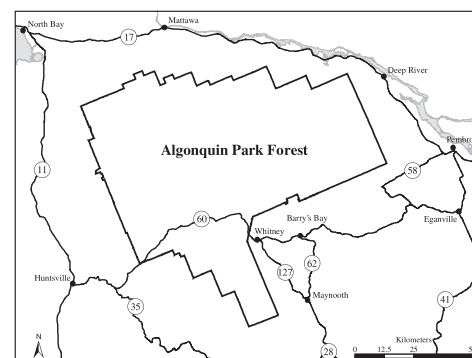
More Information

For more information on the AWS or to arrange an appointment with MNR staff to discuss the AWS or to request an AWS operations summary map, please contact:

Joe Yaraskavitch, Park Forester
Ministry of Natural Resources
Algonquin Park Office
31 Riverside Drive
Pembroke, ON K8A 8R6
tel: 613-732-5550

Gord Cumming, Plan Author
Algonquin Forestry Authority
Huntsville Office
222 Main Street West
Huntsville, ON P1H 1Y1
tel: 705-789-9647 ext. 30

Steve Bursey, Area Forester
Algonquin Forestry Authority
Pembroke Office
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NOTICE TO TRUCKERS 2014 SPRING LOAD RESTRICTIONS

Under the *Highway Traffic Act*, the province enforces reduced load restrictions on trucks to protect Ontario's highways during spring thaw, when road damage is most likely to occur.

Restriction on permits issued under the *Highway Traffic Act*:

All annual and project permits for moving of heavy vehicle loads, objects or structures, in excess of limits set out in the Act, unless otherwise specified are not valid on any Hwys. during the months of March and April, in the southern portion of Ontario, and March, April and May in the northern portion.

For this restriction, the province is divided, west to east, by a line formed by the Severn

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520	Hwy. 124, north to the Hamlet of Ardbeg
523	Jct. Hwy. 60 at Madawaska south to Hasting/Nipissing County boundary
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In Loving Memory of

Joseph "Joe" Vigh

Passed away peacefully at Extencicare, Haliburton on Saturday,
 March 1, 2014. At the age of 76.

Son of the late Joseph and Alice Vigh. Husband of the late
 Carole Anne (nee Mayes). Dear father of Cheryl Lynn Murray,
 William Murray, Debra Anne Murray (Keith Dennis), Sue Vigh
 (the late Willis), predeceased by daughters Diana Murray and Barbara Anne Murray.
 Loving grandfather of many grandchildren and great grandchildren, predeceased by his
 grandson Colton. Dear brother of Roy (Judy), John (Connie), predeceased by Kenny,
 Frank, Ray, Nancy, Leslie, Ivan, Nushie, also by his Aunt Rose, and by his uncles Steve,
 Tony, Steve and Frank. Fondly remembered by Ryan Day, by his friends and family.

An informal gathering to Celebrate Joe's Life will be held at Sue's home, 1026 East
 Road, Carnarvon on Saturday, March 8, 2014
 beginning at 2:00 pm. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Parkinson's Society
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Grenville Draper *(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)*

Peacefully at Highland Wood on Thursday evening, March 6, 2014 at the age
 of 94. Beloved husband of the late Verna Draper (nee Zeller). Loving father
 of Marie (Douglas Ecklund) of Woodville, Lorraine of Haliburton, Albert
 (Susan) of Ailsa Craig, Nelda (Andrew Sharpless) of King City and Ron
 (Karen) of Haliburton. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Andrew,
 Michael, David, Jacob, Scott, Amanda, Jessica, Ryan, Christopher and by
 his great grandchildren Chelsea, Deanna, Erik, Ian, Foster, Emily, Owen,
 Anderson, Rhyerson and Chloe. Predeceased by his brothers Fred and Walter.

Grenville served overseas during WWII, was a former employee of General
 Motors, and an active member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129. He enjoyed his yard work,
 workshop and spending time with his family.

Celebration Of Life & Reception

A Celebration of Life will take place at a later date. Interment Ingoldsby Cemetery in the Spring.
 Arrangements entrusted to HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy #118,
 Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209. As expressions of sympathy,
 donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation
 or the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund would be appreciated by
 the family.



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Gordon Jones, December 23, 1918 – March 3, 2014

JONES, Gordon Milton, formerly of Goodwood and Haliburton passed
 away at age 95 on Monday, March 3, 2014 at Highland Wood, Haliburton. He
 was a faithful husband to Mae (Faulkner) for 67 years caring for her in sickness
 and health. Loving father to Marilyn (Jim) Fader and Betty (Tom) Russell. He
 is survived by 4 grandchildren: Steve (Heather) Jackson, Sue (Dave) Lotton, Jeff
 (Suzanne) Smith and Jason (Shannon) Smith as well as 8 great grandchildren:
 Nick and Julia Jackson, Keegan and Kaleb Smith, Cooper and Tyson Lotton,
 Callaway and Jack Smith. He was predeceased by parents, George and Emma
 (Giebner) Jones, brothers Clarence, Stanley, Otto and sister, Mary (Hockley).
 Born December 23, 1918 he farmed for many years on the 4th Concession,
 Goodwood and enjoyed retirement in Haliburton. Gord was a faithful member
 of Goodwood and Haliburton Baptist Churches. Our father was a kind, honest
 and gentle man - such a wonderful example of a life lived well. Funeral
 arrangements were with Low and Low Funeral Home, Uxbridge on Thursday,
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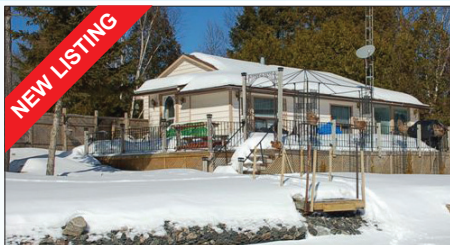
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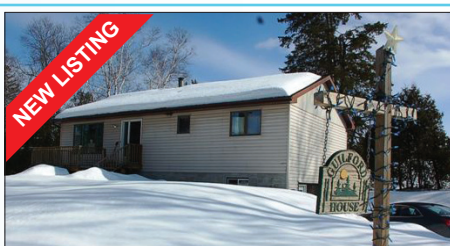
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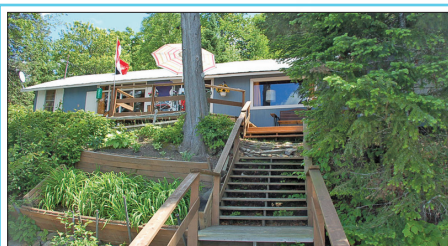
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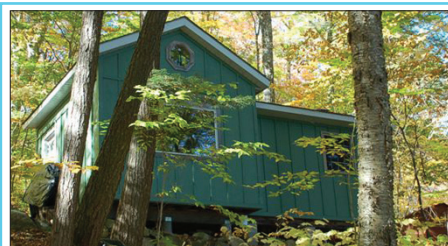
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